Sl. No.	State	2005	2006
16.	Mizoram	1	0
17.	Orissa	0	0
18.	Punjab	4	0
19.	Rajasthan	0	1
20.	Tamil Nadu	6	1
21.	Tripura	1	0
22	Uttar Pradesh	1	1
23.	West Bengal	2	1
	TOTAL:	65	12

Slow down in manufacturing sector

3690. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's manufacturing sector expanded at its slowest pace in the period of five months, ending in December, 2006;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the slow down was due to the effect of monetary tightening measures, dampening demand and easing price pressures;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Secondary Adjusted Purchase Manager's index fell to 56.6 in December, from 58.9 in November, as also strong momentum of previous months due to slower domestic and external demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. The Manufacturing Sector recorded a growth of 11.8% in terms of index of industrial production, during the

5 months ending December, 2006 (August-December, 2006) compared to 8.3% recorded during August-December, 2005 and 9.9% during August—December, 2004.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is brought out by ABN-AMRO Bank, a private agency. It has been reported in their website, that "Manufacturing sector PMI fell from 58.9 in November to 56.6 in December. ... The dip in the Index suggests that the pace of growth slowed down". Government measures the growth of manufacturing by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). The Index of manufacturing according to IIP was 266.3 in November, 2006 as compared to 279.4 in December, 2006. This does not indicate any slowing down.

Time limit for procedural formalities for approved SEZs

3691. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time limit is fixed by Government for completion to procedural formalities for the approved Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) whether Government have informed all the developers of approved SEZs;

(c) whether Government have worked out any steps to be taken, if the procedural formalities are not completed in time;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) As per the provisions of the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006, the Letter of Approval issued to the SEZ developer by the Central Government in respect of a formally approved SEZ is valid for 3 years within which period effective steps for implementation of the project must be taken by the developer. The validity can be extended for further two years by the Board of Approval.

(b) Yes, Sir.